

Home Visiting in Washington State

*An Overview of the 2010
Federal Funding Opportunity*

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*Kids' Potential,
Our Purpose*



Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act



- On March 23, 2010, the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Health Care Reform Act, H.R. 2590)* became law
- Sec. 2951- Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is outlined
- States have the option to apply for a Home Visiting Program Grant from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Approximately \$90 million allocated to states in 2010
- Allocation for WA set at **\$1,311,814** for first year of grant (\$500,000 up front for Needs Assessment and planning process)

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (cont.)



- To be eligible for funding states must:
 - Submit an application by July 9, 2010, describing how the state will conduct a comprehensive Needs Assessment process
 - Submit the Needs Assessment by September 20, 2010, including a description of how the state intends to address identified needs
 - Develop and submit an Updated State Plan for Home Visiting in early FFY 2010 to include gaps identified in the Needs Assessment, models it intends to use, etc.

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (cont.)



- The Governor from each state must designate the entity or group of entities to apply
 - DOH: lead for Needs Assessment
 - DEL: lead for developing Updated State Plan
- Governor Gregoire directed Cross-Agency Governance Structure (CAGS) to serve as decision-making authority
- CAGS includes: DOH, DEL, DSHS, Council for Children and Families

Grants for Early Childhood Home Visitation Program Requirements



- The grant must promote the following:
 - Improvements in maternal and prenatal health, infant health, child health and development
 - Parenting related to child development outcomes, school readiness, and the socioeconomic status of families
 - Reductions in child abuse, neglect, and injuries
 - Prioritize high risk populations
 - Prioritize Evidence Based Home Visiting (EVHB)

Home Visiting Needs Assessment Requirements



- Needs Assessment must identify communities with concentrations in the following areas:
 - Infant mortality
 - Poverty and crime
 - Domestic violence
 - High rates of high-school dropouts
 - Substance abuse
 - Unemployment
 - Child maltreatment

Home Visiting Needs Assessment Requirements (cont.)



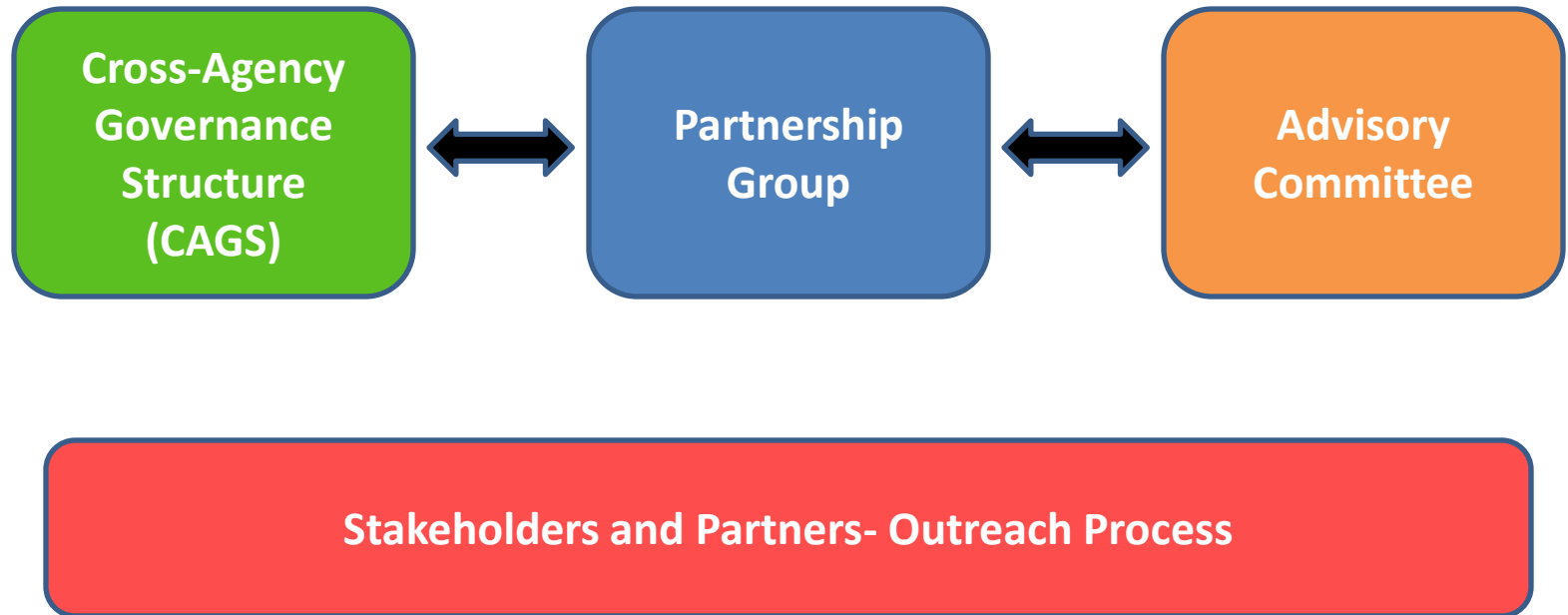
- Identify the quality and capacity of existing programs or initiatives for early childhood home visitation in the State
- Identify the State's capacity for providing substance abuse treatment and counseling services to individuals and families in need of such treatment or services
- Coordinate with other existing assessments (Head Start, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, Maternal and Child Health Services, etc.)

Home Visiting Plan Development Process



- DEL- lead agency for developing Updated State Plan in response to needs assessment
- Federal guidance (Funding Opportunity Announcement) not yet released
- Planning structure identified, initial meetings underway

Home Visiting Plan Development Process: Planning Structure



Other Key Home Visiting Efforts in WA



- Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA)
 - 2010 Washington State Legislative session budget proviso
 - DEL contracts with Thrive by Five to administer
- Home Visiting Coalition
- Home Visiting services across WA

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